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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

T. William Hutchens *et al.*

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF  
ANALYTES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 30 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 31 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 32 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 32 of this paper.